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Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council	Item ID:	7800	Agenda Number	13.
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Meeting Date:	July 28, 2011
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Department:	Purchasing
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Subject

Authorize award and execution of a 12-month requirements supply contract with S&C ELECTRIC COMPANY, Chicago, IL for the purchase of circuit switchers for Austin Energy in an estimated amount not to exceed \$798,085, with four 12-month extension options in an estimated amount not to exceed \$798,085 per extension option, for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$3,990,425.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$133,014 is available in the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Operating Budget of Austin Energy. Funding for the remaining ten months of the original contract period and extension options is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Fiscal Note

There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	Lowest bid meeting specification of two bids received.
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Prior Council Action:	
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For More Information:	Gage Loots, Buyer II/512-322-6118
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Boards and Commission Action:	Recommended by the Electric Utility Commission.
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MBE / WBE:	This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-D of the City Code (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this solicitation.
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Related Items:	
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Additional Backup Information

This contract is for the purchase of circuit switchers for Austin Energy (AE) on an as-needed basis. Circuit switchers connect and disconnect transmission lines or other components to and from the electrical system, providing protection for AE's large power transformers and capacitor banks. They will be installed at substations and can be operated onsite or by remote control to disconnect equipment from the power system for maintenance purposes. They can also be automatically operated by power system protection schemes when an overload or short-circuited condition is detected.

MBE/WBE solicited: 2/2

MBE/WBE bid: 0/0

BID TABULATION

IFB No. GAL0015

Circuit Switchers

(3 □ line items)

Vendor

Total Bid Amount □ 12 months

S&C Electric Company
Chicago, IL

\$798,085

ALSTOM Grid Inc.
Charleroi, PA

* Non-responsive. ALSTOM Grid Inc.'s offer did not meet the requirements of the specification.

A complete bid tabulation is on file in the Purchasing Office and is on the City of Austin, FASD Purchasing Office website.

PRICE ANALYSIS

- a. Adequate competition.
- b. Ninety-seven notices were sent, including two MBEs and two WBEs. Two bids were received, with no response from the MBE/WBEs.
- c. The pricing offered represents a 7.7% decrease from the last contract award made in September 2006.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

- a. Lowest responsive bid received. S&C Electric Company is the current provider of these goods.
- b. The Purchasing Office concurs with Austin Energy's recommended award.
- c. Advertised on the Internet.